

Public Hearing of the Town Council held Thursday, May 29, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in Town Council Chambers, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, for and within the Town of Burrillville.

Present: Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson

Members Absent: Council Vice President Wallace F. Lees was excused due to illness.

Others Present: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Pallotta, School Business Manager Robin Kimatian, School Committee Members Mark Brizard, John M. Karmozyn, Jr. and Raymond Trinqu

Relative to discussing the School Department Budget

NOTE: The public hearing was duly advertised in the local section of the Woonsocket Call on May 10, May 12 and May 14, 2014

1. Comments from the Budget Board

Arthur R. Hurley, Chairman, Burrillville Budget Board, commented on the timeframe for budget submissions, maintenance of school buildings and funding for other post employment benefits (OPEB). A copy of Mr. Hurley's comments is on file with the record of the hearing.

2. Comments from Dorothy Cardon, Chair, Burrillville School Committee: None

3. Comments from Dr. Frank Pallotta, Superintendent of the Burrillville School Department

Dr. Frank Pallotta, Superintendent of Schools, responded to Mr. Hurley's comments. Dr. Pallotta made a presentation of the School Department's revised FY15 budget request. The School Department's proposal to fund the difference between their request and the Town Manager's budget recommendation was presented. A copy of the presentation is on file with the record of the meeting. The School Department budget was reviewed and discussed.

4. Comments from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, discussed the challenges of the FY2015, commended Dr. Pallotta and Robin Kimatian for their efforts and commented on the School Department budget. Mr. Wood indicated that the municipal administration and the school department administration would meet for further discussion of the input from the public hearings.

5. Public Comment:

Note: Persons who wish to address the Council shall state their names and addresses

School Committee member Raymond Trinke discussed building maintenance, the School Department's history of spending within budget and the sense of maintaining a surplus. These matters were discussed. Mr. Trinke discussed the School Department's relationship with state entities; i.e. the Rhode Island Department of Education and the School Committee Association. Mr. Trinke discussed changes in programming as it relates to outside tuition.

Budget Board member Donison Allen, Lapham Farm Road, raised a question about the School Department line item for paraprofessionals. The matter was discussed. Mr. Allen discussed his concerns about the Common Core Curriculum as it relates to budget.

6. VOTED to close the public hearing

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson. Vice President Wallace F. Lees was excused.

7. Town Council deliberation

Council President Nancy F. Binns recognized the work of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Pallotta and School Business Manager Robin Kimatian.

8. VOTED to adjourn at 7:40 P.M.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson. Vice President Wallace F. Lees was excused.

The hearing was recorded.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk